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The "Vulko Chervenkov" Cotton Mill

1. The "Vulko Chervenkov" Cotton Mill is a three-story building 120 meters long and 60-70 meters wide. It is located at 13 Borovo Street and near the Sinkavitsa Stream. Workers' quarters and a dining hall are located on the mill grounds. The mill includes various sections for dyeing, weaving, etc.
2. A stone wall two meters high encloses the mill area and a militia force of 5-6 men stand watch in shifts (one during the day and two at night). Each worker must show his pass (propusk) to be admitted to the area. This pass is issued by the personnel chief and contains a photograph of the bearer.
3. The mill employs 800 workers in three shifts per day. It is under Bulgarian control, but Soviets are called in as consultants when needed or to install machinery. Directing personnel, including the chairman, consist of nine persons. 25X1
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 - a. Mit'o Pashov, chief technician;
 - b. Nikolay Zelenodrubski, graduate of a technical school 25X1
 - c. Micho Zakhariev, who owned a weaving mill in Gabrovo prior to 1944.
4. 25X1 the mill produces 40,000 meters of cloth in 24 hours. His quota at the stretching machine for an 8-hour shift was from 9,000-11,000 meters. The mill produces cotton cloth for summer garments, Panama cloth, Oxford cloth, American cloth, etc. The cloth is taken away by two mill trucks.
5. The mill has two storage areas:
 - a. For raw materials: A space 10 x 12 meters in size, located near the dyeing section. It is always full. Raw materials are brought in from other factories;

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b. For finished goods: A space 20 x 15 meters on the third floor.

6. [redacted] equipment:

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- a. A "shpanrama" machine for stretching cloth;
- b. A "misterizir" machine for passing cloth through caustic soda;
- c. A "perilo" machine for boiling and washing cloth;
- d. A "voden kalandur" device for straightening cloth;
- e. A dryer;
- f. A stretching machine for training new workers;
- g. A "kalandur" machine for pressing; and
- h. A "parlachka" machine for smoothing cloth.

7. [redacted] about 400 weaving looms and spinning frames,
as well as two carding machines.

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Other Factories in and near Gabrovo

8. [redacted] factories in Gabrovo:

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- a. The "Vasil Kolarov" Cotton Mill in south Gabrovo;
- b. The "Balkan" Cotton Mill, one kilometer from the "Vasil Kolarov" Mill;
- c. The "Burya" Cotton Mill on the right bank of the Yantra River;
- d. The "Zoya" Cotton Mill near the Yantra River;
- e. The "Berov" Cotton Mill, the last factory in west Gabrovo;
- f. The "Narodna Republika" Woolen Mill, 200 meters from the "Kolarov" Mill;
- g. The "Georgi Genev" Woolen Mill adjacent to the "Burya" Mill;
- h. The "Uspekha" Woolen Mill on the left bank of the Yantra River;
- i. The "Khristo Botev" Leather Factory near the RR station in northwest Gabrovo;
- j. The "Vasil Levski" Leather Factory at the Yantra River in north Gabrovo;
- k. The "Surp i Chuk" Shoe Factory near the last factory at the Yantra River;
- l. A button factory in east Gabrovo.

9. [redacted] factories near Gabrovo:

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- a. The "Orel" Cotton Mill in Palauzovo, Gabrovo Okoliya;
- b. A machine factory in Palauzovo;
- c. The "Rayko Damyanov" Cotton Mill at the end of Smirnenski;
- d. The "Eftim Apostolov" Woolen Mill in Smirnenski;
- e. The "Georgi Dimitrov" Hemp Factory in Smirnenski;
- f. A glass factory in Dyado Dyankov; and
- g. A gunpowder factory, 25-30 kilometers southeast of Gabrovo beyond Etur (N 42-49, E 25-21) and Nova Makhala (now Stefanovtsi). It has one building 25 x 30 meters in size and 10 meters high and two small buildings. The factory, which is in a gorge, has an area of 30 decares and is fenced in by a wire screen 2 meters high. A pass is required to enter the area, which is guarded by militiamen and dogs.

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